## EFFICIENCY OF EMPLOYEES IN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

## LETTER

FROM

## THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR,

REPLYING TO

The House resolution of the 4th instant, relating to the efficiency of employees in certain Executive Departments.

FEBRUARY 6, 1896.—Referred to the Committee on Reform in the Civil Service and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, Washington, D. C., February 5, 1896.

SIR: In response to House resolution of February 4, 1896, relative to the number and salaries of the employees in this Department who are below a fair standard of efficiency, I have the honor to say that I can name but two who would by any interpretation be classified as below a fair standard of efficiency. One receives a salary of \$2,000 per annum. He has been one of the most efficient men in Government service, but is now suffering from a complication of ills, which warrants his classification as a little below a fair standard. The other is paid a salary of \$1,000 per annum, and while fairly efficient in the work we give him to do, on the standard set by this Department he is somewhat below. His inefficiency, whatever it is, results from ill health, caused by a wound received in the war. Neither of these men is inefficient on account of age.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CARROLL D. WRIGHT, Commissioner.

Hon. THOMAS B. REED, Speaker of the House of Representatives.